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Parcel Ranking			
Land Eligibility			Y/N
1 Owned by individual or entity that does not exceed the Adjusted Gross Income Limitation			
2 Compliance; Land owner is in compliance with USDA wetlands and HEL requirements			
3 Parcel contains at least 50% prime, state-wide, unique, or important land or includes eligible historical or archaeological sites			
4 Parcel development is not already restricted by deed, easement, or ownership			
5 Parcel is part of a systematically protected area			
6 Parcel faces development pressure			
7 At least 50% of the parcel is in agricultural use (including farmstead)			
8 Parcel is located in an area that has accessible infrastructure and markets for supporting agriculture			
9 A qualified written pending offer is included in the application			
Easement Maximum Points: 5			
Parcels that have appraisals completed and signed within preceding year			5
Prime and Statewide farmland Maximum Points: 25			
Prime farmland acres			acres
Award 1 point for every 10 acres of prime farmland			
Farmland of Statewide Importance acres			acres
Award .75 point for every 10 acres of statewide soils			
Sum:			
Land use Maximum Points: 10			
Percent of parcel containing crop/hay/pasture land (beyond 50% min. for the Farm), (include land in USDA conservation plans that retains cropland status)			Percent
Award 1 point for 2 every percent of the parcel in cropland/hay land, or pasture land			
Historical or Archaeological Resources Maximum Points: 5			
The tract includes historical or archaeological sites listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic places (must include provisions to protect, if claiming points) Note: Documentation from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is required.			5
None of the above, or insufficient information in the application			0
Proximity to other protected farmland by permanent easements Maximum Points: 35			
Parcels is within 2 miles of existing easement; Award 1 point for every 10 acres			parcels
Acres of Farms not protected Parcels is within 1 miles of existing easement; Award 1 point for every 40 acres of cropland and pasture land.			parcels
Sum:			
Conservation plan - Whole farm Maximum Points: 10			
Parcel has implemented a complete RMS conservation plan			10
Parcel is following a current RMS conservation plan and has either completed it or is working towards doing so			5
Parcel does not have a current RMS conservation plan or is not implementing it			0
-Rule out parcel completely if there are serious conservation problems			
Viability of agricultural operations Maximum Points: 5			
Farm owners have a farm business succession plan that provides for continued operation of the farm into another generation. Must be documented.			3
On-farm buildings, structures, etc. actively used for commercial agricultural.			2
Greater than 75% of crop/hay/pasture land harvested annually			percent
None, or insufficient information in the application			0
Sum:			
FRPP cost per acre Maximum Points: 5			
Less than \$1,000			5
Between \$1,000 and \$1,500			3
\$1501 and \$2,500			1
Greater than \$2,500			0
Total Score:			